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SUPPORT

- **Haleiwa Walkways**
- **Haleiwa Public Parking**
- **North Shore Economic Clusters of Opportunity Strategic Plan**

Bill 11 CD2 (2013)

Council Chair Martin and Council Members,

Haleiwa is long overdue for continuous **walkways** alongside Kamehameha Highway. Everyone who visits Haleiwa notices the pressing need for a safe walkway along the narrow, crowded roadway through the town. The lack of a safe walkway forces many visitors on foot, people in wheelchairs and parents with baby strollers onto the traffic lanes to avoid rough, gravel shoulders and large muddy potholes. Haleiwa is no longer a small backwater, far away on the North Shore. It is now one of the most popular destinations for millions of visitors and island residents. As such, there is a very real and pressing need to build this critical piece of infrastructure.

Another important element of creating a safe and walkable Haleiwa town is the establishment of new **public parking** lot. Because it is not safe to walk through much of the town, (It is not inviting for even the committed walkers.) people move their cars from shop to shop. The increasing traffic and overflow parking along narrow sections of Kamehameha Highway are testament to the need for additional parking. A well designed parking lot and walkway system will alleviate some of the increasing traffic demand and improve personal mobility. The results would then foster increased commercial activity, opportunities and prosperity for residents.

I continue to support the Grant-in-Aid Request for the **North Shore Economic Clusters of Opportunity Strategic Plan**, for which I have already submitted testimony. This project is important for Oahu's North Shore because it will provide valuable information on currently expanding, regional economic activities and related enterprise. Support for appropriate economic drivers in this region of Oahu supports the General Plan guidelines of retaining the rural nature of the North Shore. Let's find out what is working to improve the health and well being of area residents and support that activity!

Thank you for your support of these important projects for residents and businesses of the North Shore!

Respectfully submitted,

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